

(Friday, May 14)

Subject: 2021 Upper Snake River and Reservoir Operations Update

Purpose: The purpose of these updates is to provide information regarding Reclamation's operations and basin conditions as the season progresses. The operations outlined in this update are based on the best data available at the time and are subject to change as new information becomes available. For additional information and resources, please visit our website at <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/uppersnake/>.

### **Highlights**

**-Beginning Monday, the delivery rate of Salmon Flow Augmentation from the Snake River above Milner will be ramped up from the current rate of 3,000 cfs to a new target of 5,000 cfs.**

**Milner Dam:** Releases from Milner Dam will begin increasing from the current 3,000 cfs to 5,000 cfs on Monday, May 17. By Tuesday evening, the corresponding river depth at the [Snake River near Twin Falls](#) gauge is projected to have increased from a stage of 4.77' to approximately 6.03'. It is anticipated at this time that delivery of Snake River above Milner flow augmentation will be stepped down to lower flows the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> and, subsequently, reduced to zero when the designated volume has been delivered. For additional information, please contact the individuals below, or call the Upper Snake River and Reservoir Operations line at 208-670-0761.

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Reservoir levels, reservoir discharge, and river flows can be monitored on the USBR Hydromet page here: <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/>

The Upper Snake "teacup" diagram which provides a graphical overview of system conditions can be accessed here: <https://www.usbr.gov/pn/hydromet/burtea.html>